

Important News of Indiana from the Journal's Correspondents

ALL IN READINESS FOR THE ORATORICAL CONTEST

Crawfordsville Completes Plans for the Entertainment of Many Visiting Students.

OTHER SCHOOL AFFAIRS

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., May 18.—Arrangements for the High School Oratorical contest, to be held here on Friday, are complete, and all indications point to a successful meeting. The tickets went on sale this morning, with the exception of those reserved for the visiting high school students, and practically all have been sold. Indianapolis (Shorthridge), Madison, Noblesville and Crawfordsville are the four high schools which will enter orators in this year's contest. Muncie has withdrawn from the association.

Crawfordsville won second place last year, but with Miss Frances Hunt, a general favorite with the whole high school, as the speaker, the local students have high hopes of winning first place and do everything to turn the tide in that direction.

The students from the Indianapolis, Madison and Noblesville high schools will arrive here in the morning and at noon. In the afternoon the visiting students will be taken about town, and perhaps a ball game will be played. A banquet will follow the contest.

PURDUE JUNIORS HOLD A PEACEFUL BANQUET

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
LAFAYETTE, Ind., May 18.—In marked contrast to the riotous encounter that attended the holding of a banquet by the class of 1905 of Purdue University last spring, the juniors to-night held their annual spread at the Hotel Hines with music and oratory furnishing the entertainment. The banquet was one of the most largely attended ever held at Purdue, more than 200 being present. Robert J. Greenwood was toastmaster and toasts were responded to by Walton L. Robinson, of Danville, Va., president of the class; Howard Burgess, Richmond; Bernice Nelson, Lowell; Harry E. Wood, Ellettsville; Frederick Walker, Greentown; Michael McPartland, Des Moines, Ia.; William Hammerstad, Lafayette; Ray Jamison, West Lafayette; Robert Woodruff, Benton Harbor, Mich.; Raymond Millard, West Lafayette; Walton Valle, Fort Smith, Ark.; Ethel Spaulding, Woodstock, Conn.

KOKOMO MAN SHOTS HIMSELF IN KANSAS

No Cause for the Suicide Is Known—Body Will Be Brought to Indiana for Burial.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
KOKOMO, Ind., May 18.—Samuel Benson, of Benson Brothers, gas and oil well contractors and drillers, well known for twelve years in the Indiana oil and gas fields, committed suicide to-day at Independence, Kan., by shooting. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Benson is in Kokomo, and the widow will accompany the body here to-morrow. No cause for self-destruction is known. Benson was a thirty-second degree Mason, belonging to all the branches of that order. The telegram gave no particulars of the tragedy. The deceased had drilled in the Pennsylvania, Indiana and Kansas fields for twenty-five years and had a wide acquaintance.

FAILURE AT KOKOMO OF DRY GOODS HOUSE

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
KOKOMO, Ind., May 18.—The Golden Rule dry goods store closed its doors here, with liabilities of \$25,000 and assets of \$12,000. The crisis was brought about by a suit and judgment for \$20, filed by George Rankin. The establishment was owned by Charles E. Baker, who brought the stock from Wabash here a few months ago. His creditors are wholesale houses of Chicago, Indianapolis and New York. A petition in bankruptcy will be filed at Indianapolis Thursday.

FAIR AND WARMER TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Forecast for Thursday and Friday:
Indiana and Illinois—Fair, warmer on Thursday. Friday fair, warmer in north portions; fresh northwest winds diminishing.
Kentucky—Clearing and warmer on Thursday. Friday fair and warmer.
Lower Michigan—Clearing on Thursday. Friday fair and warmer; fresh north to northwest winds.

Local Observations on Wednesday.
Bar. Temp. 72. Wind. Weather. Prec.
7 a. m. 30.2 S. E. 10. 74. 0.0
10 a. m. 30.2 S. E. 10. 74. 0.0
1 p. m. 30.2 S. E. 10. 74. 0.0
4 p. m. 30.2 S. E. 10. 74. 0.0
Maximum temperature, 74; minimum temperature, 60.
Comparative statement of mean temperature and total precipitation on May 18:
Normal 61.3
Mean 62.0
Departure for day +0.7
Departure for month +0.1
Departure since Jan. 1 +8.1
—T. W. T. RYAN, Section Director.

Yesterday's Temperatures.

Stations	7 a. m.	Max.	7 p. m.
Albion, Ind.	59	72	76
Amari, Ind.	59	72	76
Atlanta, Ga.	59	72	76
Bethesda, Md.	59	72	76
Buffalo, N. Y.	59	72	76
Calais, Me.	59	72	76
Canton, Mass.	59	72	76
Chattanooga, Tenn.	59	72	76
Chester, W. Va.	59	72	76
Chicago, Ill.	59	72	76
Cincinnati, O.	59	72	76
Cleveland, O.	59	72	76
Concord, N. H.	59	72	76
Concord, Mass.	59	72	76
Danville, Va.	59	72	76
Dodge City, Kan.	59	72	76
Duluth, Minn.	59	72	76
El Paso, Tex.	59	72	76
Galveston, Tex.	59	72	76
Grand Rapids, Mich.	59	72	76
Harrisburg, Pa.	59	72	76
Hartford, Conn.	59	72	76
Indianapolis, Ind.	59	72	76
Jacksonville, Fla.	59	72	76
Kansas City, Mo.	59	72	76
Lafayette, Ind.	59	72	76
Little Rock, Ark.	59	72	76
Madison, Wis.	59	72	76
Marquette, Mich.	59	72	76
Memphis, Tenn.	59	72	76
Montgomery, Ala.	59	72	76
Nashville, Tenn.	59	72	76
New Orleans, La.	59	72	76
New York, N. Y.	59	72	76
Norfolk, Va.	59	72	76
North Platte, Neb.	59	72	76
Oklahoma City, Okla.	59	72	76
Omaha, Neb.	59	72	76
Pasadena, Tex.	59	72	76
Parkburg, W. Va.	59	72	76
Philadelphia, Pa.	59	72	76
Pittsburg, Kan.	59	72	76
Portland, Me.	59	72	76
Quincy, Ill.	59	72	76
St. Louis, Mo.	59	72	76
St. Paul, Minn.	59	72	76
St. Paul, N. D.	59	72	76
St. Paul, Utah	59	72	76
St. Paul, W. Va.	59	72	76
St. Paul, N. Y.	59	72	76
St. Paul, N. C.	59	72	76
St. Paul, S. C.	59	72	76
St. Paul, Ga.	59	72	76
St. Paul, Fla.	59	72	76
St. Paul, Ala.	59	72	76
St. Paul, Miss.	59	72	76
St. Paul, Ark.	59	72	76
St. Paul, La.	59	72	76
St. Paul, Tex.	59	72	76
St. Paul, Okla.	59	72	76
St. Paul, Kan.	59	72	76
St. Paul, Neb.	59	72	76
St. Paul, S. D.	59	72	76
St. Paul, W. D.	59	72	76
St. Paul, Mont.	59	72	76
St. Paul, Idaho	59	72	76
St. Paul, Wyo.	59	72	76
St. Paul, Colo.	59	72	76
St. Paul, Ariz.	59	72	76
St. Paul, Nev.	59	72	76
St. Paul, Utah	59	72	76
St. Paul, N. Mex.	59	72	76
St. Paul, S. Mex.	59	72	76
St. Paul, Central Am.	59	72	76
St. Paul, S. Am.	59	72	76
St. Paul, Europe	59	72	76
St. Paul, Asia	59	72	76
St. Paul, Africa	59	72	76
St. Paul, Australia	59	72	76
St. Paul, Oceania	59	72	76
St. Paul, Antarctica	59	72	76

MRS. BELLE SEWARD WAS MUCH EXCITED WHEN THE FATAL SHOT WAS HEARD

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went out and saw Belle Seward standing at a lattice near the back part of her residence; that James Gillespie came up in about five minutes from the time she heard the report of the gun and began talking to Mrs. Seward, but witness could not understand what was said. That about this time Myron Barbour appeared, calling for his wife, and shouted: "Carrie! Where is Carrie?" Mrs. Barbour soon after appeared and explained that she had been "over there," but did not go in. Mrs. Seward then said that she did not care "so it was not me."

Witness then detailed her visit to the Gillespie home the night of the murder and stated that none of the defendants was present that night, nor until Dec. 25, when Belle Seward called on her mother; that none of the defendants was at the funeral of Elizabeth, Mrs. Gillespie, who died on Dec. 25, 1903.

There was a marked difference in the appearance and composure of the defendants after Mrs. Boyle left the stand. When she returned, many of the witnesses appeared to guard her with little interest, but as she progressed and sustained herself they manifested worried over her statements, which were so much against them.

OTHER WITNESSES.
Harvey B. Hill, a coal dealer, of Aurora, testified that at the place of death taken from the wound in Elizabeth Gillespie's head looked like sister's hand.

Sheriff Rump was recalled by the state and asked about the conduct of James Gillespie under arrest. On objection by the defense the court ruled not to allow the story of his prisoner's conduct to go before the jury.

The state then rested its case and court adjourned until to-morrow to give the defense time to prepare for the opening statement. The state has a number of witnesses who have not yet been examined, but will be used in rebuttal.

It leaked out this evening that the attorneys for the defense had quite a little fight as to the mode of procedure to be adopted by them to-morrow. Attorney Shays, of Cincinnati, insisted that a motion be made to exclude the testimony of the state witnesses, and that the case be made without any opening statement of the line of defense. In this the other attorneys, Captain Coles, F. M. Griffith and Marcus Sulzer, and it was decided that Congressman Griffith should make the opening statement for the defendants, which he will do in the morning. The defense has subpoenaed city witnesses, many of whom will be questioned as to the reputation and standing of the defendants, and some of it will be used in an attempt to impeach certain state witnesses.

The state is jubilant to-night over the state of the case, and that she has been able to hear the cross-examination to be conducted by Attorney Henry S. Spaulding for the state, who is now recognized as the leading attorney in the formidable array of legal talent that will be brought to the next trial.

INDIANAPOLIS WOMAN KNEW MISS GILLESPIE

Because of the fact that at one time Mrs. Mary Clark, of No. 496 East Washington street, was a resident of Rising Sun, and was very well acquainted with Elizabeth Gillespie, for whose murder James Gillespie is now being tried for his life, anonymous notes have been sent to the attorneys who are conducting the prosecution, stating that Mrs. Clark would be an important witness for the state.

"I have been told that I was an important witness," said Mrs. Clark to a Journal reporter last night, at the close of her day's work at the Darnold candy factory, on South Pennsylvania street, "but I know very little about the case, save that I was acquainted with Lizzy, and that she had been in my home several times. Two years ago in January my only child, a daughter, died in Kansas City, and was brought to our home in Rising Sun for burial. After the funeral Lizzy came to my house to look after the child, and she was very kind and helpful in some kind of way. She said to me that day that any remark she might make would hardly serve to lessen my sorrow, but I was struck with one phrase which she used. 'Your troubles are all over now, and you can be happy again.' I lived in Rising Sun for twenty-five years, and had known Lizzy all that time. She had been a slight, slender girl for many years, but at the time she called on me to offer her sympathy she had grown heavier, and I remember that I remarked the fact, and I shall never forget her answer, which I considered peculiar. She said that she was a widow, and that she was a mother of a child of middle age, and says that if anything she would be glad to see me, and that she would willingly repeat it."

Receivership to Be Dissolved.
Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., May 18.—Receiver J. A. Bell, of the Mennonite Publishing Company, makes the formal statement that the receivership will be dissolved next week, the arrangement with creditors and the \$30,000 issue of gold bonds with W. H. Knickerbocker as trustee, making this dissolution possible. The Mennonite concern was one of the first institutions to be embarrassed by the crash of the Indiana National Bank, and is the first to announce emergence from behind the financial clouds.

Held as Hostage for His Wife.
Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., May 18.—Because his wife refused to surrender to the officers to answer to a charge of assault and battery with intent to kill, Joseph Geizowski, of this city, has been arrested and will be held until Mrs. Geizowski gives herself up. She is being concealed by friends in this city.

LONG RANGE MARRIAGE CEREMONY IN BOONVILLE

Groom Afflicted with Smallpox and Justice Stood Across the Street—A Window Courtship.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
BOONVILLE, Ind., May 18.—Miss Maud Cox and William Walker were married to-day. Walker has the smallpox and Miss Cox courted Walker through the window. They decided to wed, and she secured the license.

PAPER HANGER ASSAILS LOGANSPOUT LAWYER

Quincy A. Myers Is Beaten in His Office, but Refuses to Prosecute Assailant.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
LOGANSPOUT, Ind., May 18.—Quincy A. Myers, a prominent attorney and politician, was assaulted in his office this afternoon by Vernon Mullendore, a paper hanger. Mullendore entered the office to collect a balance which he claimed was due on a contract for work he had done for Myers and when the attorney refused to settle he knocked him down.

The police were called, but Mullendore was not arrested, Myers refusing to prosecute.

BELIEVED HIMSELF TO BE LOSING HIS MIND

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
ELKHART, Ind., May 18.—Christian Shrock, aged thirty-one, an employee of the Lake Shore, left home early yesterday morning and failed to return. His wife, who was left with two children, noticed the police of his disappearance, believing he had been injured or that he had been waylaid by thieves.

Search for him failed to reveal a trace of him and to-day Mrs. Shrock received a letter, mailed on a Lake Shore train, in which he said he believed himself to be insane and must go somewhere where he is not known. Mrs. Shrock's parents live at Shipshewer.

C. B. LANDIS INVITED TO SPEAK IN KOKOMO

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
KOKOMO, Ind., May 18.—The Kokomo K. A. R. has extended an invitation to Congressman Charles B. Landis to deliver the Memorial day address here, in place of ex-Governor W. S. Taylor, of Kentucky, who, in view of a great business loss, recalled his acceptance. Kokomo people generally have a high regard for Governor Taylor and regret the fact that he is his duty to cancel the engagement. Mr. Landis has not yet accepted the invitation.

REFUSED TO QUASH ROTH'S INDICTMENT

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
BOONVILLE, Ind., May 18.—Judge Edward Gough to-day refused to quash the indictment against Louis Roth on the charge of killing Charles Koenig by striking him with his umbrella on the night of Jan. 11. The defense claimed the indictment was not definite and charged. The trial will be begun to-morrow.

INDIANA OBITUARY.

TERRE HAUTE, May 18.—Lemuel Hope, well known former president of the Indiana Travelers' Protective Association, and one of the best known traveling salesmen of Illinois, died here from intestinal trouble. He had been traveling for the Havens & Geddes Company, now of Indianapolis, for twenty years. Death was from intestinal trouble. He was forty-four years old and left a widow, a son and two daughters.

WINDSPOOK, Ind., May 18.—Mrs. Asenath Loughner died this morning after a long sickness, aged fifty. She was the wife of Jacob H. Loughner, a "Whitstone" merchant and former trustee of Worth township, and was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran church of this place.

HAMMOND, Ind., May 18.—Colonel Robert G. Ross, aged sixty-two, is dead at East Chicago. He was postmaster and post office inspector at Hammond, and prominent Republican politician in this part of the state. He was a Knight Templar, Odd Fellow, and member of the Pythias.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., May 18.—William Phillips, aged thirty-two, died to-day. He was a native of Virginia and had lived in Hammond for twenty-five years.

Cause of Bank's Failure.
Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
WABASH, Ind., May 18.—The failure of the Commercial Bank of Adam Stout & Son at Silver Lake on Tuesday was due, it develops, to the execution to the bank of a chattel mortgage by Colbert & Co., general merchants, who failed last week, on their stock. This led to the report that the bank had loaned a large sum to Colbert & Son and would lose it all. A quiet run began and the withdrawals were so large that it was considered wise to suspend. John C. Tucker has been appointed to wind up the affairs of the institution and there is no doubt but depositors will get all their money.

Recluse Is Critically Sick.
Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
ALEXANDRIA, Ind., May 18.—Micah Chalmers, one of the few aged pioneers of this vicinity, is believed to be fatally sick at his home in a little log cabin, where he lives alone, guarded by two vicious dogs, two mules and a cow. Chalmers was for many years the gunmaker of all this region.

Cambridge City Assignment.
Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
RICHMOND, Ind., May 18.—Matthew Kreusch, a jeweler at Cambridge City, to-day made a general assignment, naming Warren T. Markle as assignee. The estimated assets are \$3,000, with estimated liabilities of \$10,000.

DEMOCRATS TO PUT NEW NELSON IN THE FIELD

Claude Bowers, Formerly of Indianapolis, to Be Nominated in Opposition to Holliday.

IS A NEWSPAPER MAN

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., May 18.—It is virtually settled that Claude G. Bowers, a local newspaper man, is to be the Democratic candidate for Congress against Congressman Holliday. The Brazil Democrat this afternoon espoused his candidacy, and it is known that Putnam county leaders and the Terre Haute party managers have decided to nominate him.

He came to Terre Haute two years ago from Indianapolis, is a young man, and is expected to make a vigorous speaking campaign.

Convention Date to Be Fixed.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
WABASH, Ind., May 18.—The Republican chairman of the central committee of Wabash, Miami, Grant, Huntington and Howard counties will meet at 1 o'clock to-morrow afternoon at Marion to fix the time and place and appointment for the joint legislative convention of the famous shoe-ties.

The district, composed of the five counties.

OFFICERS ELECTED BY INDIANA MACCABEES

Milo Meredith, of Wabash, Is Great Commander—New Officers of the Auxiliary.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., May 18.—The Knights of Maccabees of Indiana adjourned a two days' meeting to-day after hearing reports of several committees. The reports of officers show an increase of membership in the state from 15,554 to 23,800 since the triennial meeting of 1901. The treasurer has \$42,000 on hand and \$126,700 have been disbursed for benefits in the three years.

The officers elected are mostly members of the past three years, as follows: Great commander, Milo Meredith, Wabash; lieutenant great commander, Enoch Myers, Rochester; great record keeper, J. W. Reppel, Goshen; great finance keeper, Adam E. Wise, Plymouth; great medical examiner, A. J. Irwin, Goshen; great chaplain, Solomon Webb, Rushville; great master-at-arms, J. H. Brown, New Albany; great first guard, Howard Long, Alexandria; great second guard, C. E. Van Buskirk, Tipton; great sentinel, C. W. Whitcomb, Hammond; great picket, N. H. Booth, Darlington; supreme representatives, Dr. Carl G. Winter, Indianapolis, and Frank B. House, Lafayette.

The ladies of the Maccabees elected the following officers: Past commander, Louise Clay; lieutenant commander, Lady Wright; record keeper, Alice Mountain; finance keeper, Sarah Clineworth; chaplain, Harriet Grayson; sergeant, Daisy Bennett; mistress-at-arms, Myrtle Kirchoff; picket, Anna Schone.

ASPHALT RESURFACING JOB CAUSES TROUBLE

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
COLUMBUS, Ind., May 18.—The City Council and the Ayers Asphalt Paving Company, of Zanesville, O., are at loggerheads over a piece of resurfacing. After many efforts and long delay the Council secured the presence of a repair crew from the company's headquarters, and the work was begun on Monday.

Engineer Rights, a Republican, decided that the work was not being properly done and stopped it yesterday afternoon. The Democratic Council ordered Mr. Rights to resign last night and appointed Levi Heger, a Democrat, to succeed him. Work was resumed this morning, and the city is now in a hurry to reach an agreement with the city, if possible.

HAS GONE EAST TO COMPLETE A MERGER

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
PORT WASHINGTON, Ind., May 18.—Henry C. Paul, of this city, left last night for Philadelphia, where he will meet James Murdoch, George F. McCulloch and other traction magnates of Indiana, and complete the merger of the Wabash Traction Company, the Fort Wayne Traction Company and the local electric light and power company in a new company to be known as the Fort Wayne Traction Company.

WOMAN IS BURNED BY EXPLOSION OF OIL

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
NEW ALBANY, Ind., May 18.—Mrs. George Relland tried to start a kitchen fire with kerosene this morning and was horribly burned. The can exploded, enveloping her in blazing oil, and her face, breast, arms and hands were literally cooked. The flames were smothered by her husband, who wrapped a bed quilt around her. The house was set afire, but the flames were extinguished by neighbors. Mrs. Relland is not expected to recover.

ARMORE OIL COMPANY SELLS ITS HOLDINGS

MUNCIE, Ind., May 18.—The entire holdings of the Armore Oil Company, comprising 400 acres in the Parker City field, were purchased to-day by Thomas A. Bell, of Muncie, J. J. Wetmore, of Muncie, and Dr. G. C. Connelley, of Indianapolis.

The Armore Company was composed of Indianapolis capitalists comprising the Armore & Bell Company. The consideration was \$10,000.

SNATCHED RING FROM A WOMAN'S FINGER

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
EVANSVILLE, Ind., May 18.—Hugh Starkey, of Gallatin, Tenn., was arrested last night for snatching a diamond ring from the finger of a young woman walking along Main street. Starkey admitted to the police that he recently deserted from the regular army.

Record Price for Plymouth Rocks.
Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
GREENSBURG, Ind., May 18.—What is thought to be the highest price ever paid for a pen of Plymouth Rock chickens has been accepted by W. R. Fisher, of Hope. The purchaser was the Suffolk poultry yards, of Long Island, N. Y. The pen consisted of one cock and four hens and the price was \$300. The pen is headed by Edward B. the 964 pen cock bird, which brought \$200 and four prize winning hens at \$100 each.

GOOD REPORTS ARE MADE TO TRIBES OF BEN-HUR

Great Increase in Membership and Financial Strength During Past Four Years.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., May 18.—Most of to-day in the session of the Supreme Tribe of the Order of Ben-Hur was devoted to the hearing of the reports of the supreme officers. Supreme Chief Gerard reported that, whereas, four years ago there were seventy-five courts having membership above 100 each, the aggregate membership of these being 12,087, now there are 24 of this class, with an aggregate membership of 48,230. Outstanding benefit certificates number 83,320, with protection of \$100,134.825. There is a balance in the death and reserve funds of \$42,508.64. The gain in membership for four years was \$4,213.

Supreme Medical Director Davidson reported that in four years he had passed on 83,725 applications for membership, of which 7,700 had been rejected. Supreme Scribe Snyder reported receipts for two years to Dec. 31, 1903, of \$2,775,718.99, with expenditures of \$2,152,212.58, leaving a balance of \$623,506.41.

A committee was appointed to pass on the matter of erecting an office building for the order's headquarters, to report to the executive council two years hence, and also to pass on the matter of removal of headquarters to a larger city, as it is realized that a building will be more valuable as an asset in a larger city than here. Local headquarters will be enlarged by lease till the matter is decided.

Officers were elected as follows: Supreme chief, D. W. Gerard, Crawfordsville; past dictator, J. J. Neill, Chicago; teacher, Mrs. Lucy White, Buffalo, N. Y.; Scribe, F. J. Snyder, Crawfordsville; keeper of tribute, G. C. E. Voris; medical director, Dr. J. H. Davidson; captain, Emil Pritchard, Oakland, Cal.; keepers of the gates, N. O. Gladden, Minneapolis, and F. J. Carter, Logansport; guide, C. E. Wilkinson, Lincoln, Neb.

ASSAULTED WIFE AND TRIED TO STEAL BABY

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
NEW ALBANY, Ind., May 18.—John Gudge, while trying to take his three-year-old daughter from his wife, Ella Gudge, at the State-street depot of the Pennsylvania Railroad, last night, was roughly handled by a crowd of men, and sought protection at the police station. Later he was fined on a charge of assault.

Each had filed a divorce suit, the cases being taken on change of venue to Clark county, but both were refused decrees. Mrs. Gudge returned from Jeffersonville last night, and as she left the train Gudge seized the child. The crowd of men interfered and Gudge ran away after his hat had been knocked off.

BLOOMINGTON SUFFERS FIRE LOSS OF \$8,500

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., May 18.—Bloomington narrowly escaped a disastrous fire this morning. Flames were discovered in the Waldron block, on the south side, and the grocery stock of Thomas Todd was destroyed. The loss was \$3,000 and on the building \$2,000. The fire spread into Henry & Kerr's bakery; loss \$1,000. The shoe stock of Edward Wetzel and the old Madison block also were damaged slightly. All are well insured.

INDIANA NOTES.

KOKOMO